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The Honorable Ernest J. Istook U. S. House of representatives 119 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Religious Freedom Amendment

Dear Mr. Istook:

The General Council of the Assemblies of God is in support of the Religious Freedom Amendment that offers religious freedom of the people's right to acknowledge God according to the dictates of conscience. We believe this amendment is necessary in order to guarantee religious equality and freedom as originally intended by the framers of the First Amendment.

We join with the National Association of Evangelicals in supporting this amendment which reflects the commitments of our evangelical position. We support your efforts in this needed amendment and wish you every success in your presentation.

We will watch with interest as this Amendment is introduced to Congress.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Trask General Superintendent

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